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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 5-145768, (RICOH CO LTD), published June 11, 1993 (previously submitted in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed on April 16, 2002, filed with the PTO on April 23, 2002);
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-42294, (FUJITSU GENERAL LTD), published February 13, 1998; (previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement mailed on June 30, 2003, filed with the PTO on June 30, 2003);
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 9-98421 (TOSHIBA CORP), published April 8, 1997; (previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement mailed on June 30, 2003, filed with the PTO on June 30, 2003);
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 7-95578 (CANON INC), published April 7, 1995; (previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement mailed on June 30, 2003, filed with the PTO on June 30, 2003);
- (5) Japanese Published Patent Application No. 9-224246 (SONY CORP), published August 26, 1997;
- (6) Japanese Published Patent Application No. 9-107549 (SONY CORP (JP)), published February 12, 1997;
- (7) Japanese Published Patent Application No. 9-98421 (TOSHIBA CORP), published April 8, 1997;

- (8) Japanese Published Patent Application No. 9-130797 (TOSHIBA CORP), published May 16, 1997;
- (9) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 4-311195 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published November 2, 1992.

Applicant also wishes to bring the following document to the attention of the Examiner:

- (10) European Published Patent Application No. 0 758 186 A2 (SONY CORPORATION), published February 12, 1997.

Document (10) is a counterpart to document (6).

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